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AppropriationTestimony
Sen. McKinney, John
Re: Retiree Health Insurance

Honorable John McKinney
This is something that really needs your attention.

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Members of the Appropriations Committee

I urge you to honor your commitment and obligation to the active and retired teachers .
Governor Malloy has a proposal to eliminate the State's contribution to the retired teachers' health insurance fund. This places our health insurance fund in serious jeopardy.

Note that retired teachers and spouses under age 65 and over 65 retirees who are NOT MEDICARE eligible obtain insurance through last employing board of education. They typically pay full cost of insurance, minus \$110 per month subsidy paid

from the Health Fund. Monthly cost vary from \$400 to over \$900 per person, depending
on their local plan.

Stop Governor Malloy's attempt to override the law and thus eliminates the State's contribution to health benefits for two years. This is something that retirees

have planned for and this is no time to change the rules of the game. It is an element of fairness. Remember teachers have been paying into this program with the

expectation that it would be there for them when they retire.

Honor your commitment to those who have served our state in our classrooms.

Just say "NO " to the Malloy scheme. It is unfair and another attempt to fail to honor commitments made to our educators. We are counting on you to do the right thing. Your vote matters.

Susan P. Barrett